dine is a toxic drug and is required to be administered under strict medical supervision in medical institutions only.

Efforts are being made by Government of Bihar to import 10,000 vials of injection pentamidine from abroad.

3052. [*Transferred to the 28th March, 1988*]

Perfumed pesticides are torics and poisonous

3054. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any perfumed pesticides, such as Malathion, used for agriculture are being marketed for removal of lice and nits in human hair/body and if so, what are the details thereof indicating the names of the products and manufacture in the country;

(b) whether such use has been permitted by the medical authority;

(c) whether it is a fact that despite malathion and other pesticides being highly toxic and poisonous, no clear warnings have been printed on the cover or the labels or the pamphlets issued;

(d) whether the defaulting firms are likely to be prosecuted; and

(e) whether similar products are sold by same MNCS in the countries of their origin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir. Malathion lotion 0.5 per cent (perfumed) under the name 'CY-BAN' is manufactured and marked in the country by M/s. Cyanamaid India Limited, ATUL P.O., Valsad for the indication to control pediculosis (Lice). Its use is particularly recommended in public health programmes for control of human head and public lice.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Necessary precautions are given in the package insert circulated on the product by the firm.

(d) In view of (b) above, does not arise.

(e) Yes, Sir.

Manpower requirements for health care in rural areas

3055. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to meet manpower requirements of health care in rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The Government had set-up Expert Review Committee on Health Manpower Planning to assess the existing and projected national health manpower requirements for the primary and intermediatory level health care programmes in the context of evolving socio-epidemiological needs and demographic requirements. The Committee has made projections of requirements of para-medical staff at primary and intermediatory level of health care and community health centres upto 2000 A.D. It has recommended health related vocational courses for certain categories of health manpower like Auxiliary Nurse Midwife, Multipurpose Health Worker, Radiographer, Laboratory Technicians, Ophthalmic Assistants etc. The Central Government is at present providing assistance to the State Governments for training male and female health workers, Lady Health Visitors and Laboratory Technicians for service in rural areas.

Losses in Road Transport Corporation Authorities

3056. SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Road Transport Corporations/